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Response to Amendment

1. The reply filed on 12-15-08 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): The limitations added to the claims appear to be related to a non-elected species (embodiment shown in Figure 3). An election of Species 1 (Figs. 1 and 2) was made on 7-29-05. Therefore, claims 2-4, 9, 13, 15, 23-25, 28, and 29 are withdrawn since they appear to be directed to a non-elected embodiment. Thus, there are no claims to examine. See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

2. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Alison K. Pickard whose telephone number is 571-272-7062. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F (9-5).

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